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Patent Case PM #690 "Carbonization of Tobacco Products" disclosed September 29, 1975.

Recent studies by J.W. Swain and A. Lendvay (Memo of April 5, 1977) on the use of carbonized burley stem and stalk seem to show that the use of these materials in reconstituted sheets imparts to a blend properties yielding lower tar, CO, and NO_x deliveries than the usual mixture of RL, RCB, ES, and SBS. Furthermore, they give taste responses more like Marlboro control than those obtainable with the usual by-product materials. These observations support the claims of the original patent disclosure.

As time goes on, the impending usage of NSM and Cytrel in U.K. emphasize the need for us to have strong, secure positions in this field. The disclosure PM #690 has lain in the WLKT backlog for over 18 months. Obviously, it has been given a low priority.

Can we do anything to get this patent into application and filing? Please help.

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